

b)Lead directing Double      A double of a *conventional bid* asks partner to lead that suit

In the following four auctions the *asterixed* \* bid is a conventional bid.  
The doubler will have high cards in the suit doubled { A K or AQJ or KQJ etc }  
and will often hold length.

N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W				
e.g 1NT	-----	P-----	2C*	-----	Dble	e.g 1H	-----	P-----	4D*	-----	Dble
			xxx								xxx
			Qx								xxx
			Jxxx								AKx
			AQJx								Qxxx

N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W						
e.g 1H	-----	P	-----	3H	-----	P	e.g 1D	-----	P	-----	1S	-----	P
4NT	-----	P	-----	5D*	-----	Dble	2D	-----	P	-----	3C	-----	P
6H.			xxx				3H*	-----	Dble	-----	3NT		
			xxx						xxx				
			KQJ						KJ109				
			xxxx						xxx				
									Qxx				

c)Take out Double      A double of a suit made before partner has bid is a request that partner bids their best suit AND shows their points.

N	E	S	W	West holds :	KQxx	-----	xx	-----	Qxxx	-----	xxx
e.g 1H	-----	Dble	---	P	-----	?	With few points a bid of 1Sp is sufficient				

N	E	S	W	West holds :	KQxx	-----	xx	-----	AQxx	-----	xxx
e.g 1H	-----	Dble	---	P	-----	?	Now with 10/11 points 1Sp would be too feeble. A bid of 3Sp is about right.				

N	E	S	W	West holds :	KQxx	-----	xx	-----	AQxx	-----	Kxx
e.g 1H	-----	Dble	---	P	-----	?	With 13+pts West must go the whole hog and bid 4Sp.				

c)Lightner Double      A double of a freely bid suit slam (out of the blue ) informs partner that the doubler has an undisclosed void (!) and can ruff the opening lead if partner leads their void suit !

N	E	S	W	Clearly if East manages to lead a diamond West will be able to ruff that lead .How should East know to lead a diamond ?Well it will be a guess but partner's void is very likely to be in their own longest suit. The Lightner Double is not cast iron but often gives the defence the best start to defeating suit slams.			
e.g 1H	-----	Pass	---	3H	-----	Pass	
4NT	-----	Pass	---	5H	-----	Pass	
6H	-----	Pass	---	Pass	-----	Dble !	
		Axx				xxxx	
		x				xxx	
		Jxxxxx				void	
		xxx				Qxxxxx	

